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## CHEERED ON BY 30,000, SOX MAKE CLEAN SWEEP

**Fenway Park's Greatest Crowd Sees World's  
Champion Athletics Humbled For the Third  
Time, 2 to 1**

**By T.H. Murnane, The Boston Globe**

The largest crowd that ever packed Fenway Park, estimated at 30,000, which means one of the very largest crowds that ever watched a ball game in New England, yesterday afternoon saw what was, by all odds, the classiest ball played in Boston this season, between the Speed Boys and the world's champion Athletics, and to the supreme delight of the rooters came home the winner, 2 to 1.

The big grandstand was packed to overflowing. The bleachers were also jammed to the limit, while at least 6000 persons encircled the playing field, where they were held in check by a rope. Women held positions of advantage on step leaders and boxes, as well as from the top of the banking in left field, the slope making a fine place to see the game from.

All hits into the crowd went for two bases, and Boston got slightly the worst of it from this enforced condition.

Everyone was good natured, and delighted to remain to see the last man go out and Boston declared the winner of the third straight game from the fine Philadelphia team.

The game was played without the least sign of a protest, both teams getting down to business at the start and playing from start to finish without a break.

### **Buck Did More Than Pitch Well**

Jack Coombs, the Maine farmer, was Connie Mack's choice to take at least one game from the Speed Boys, and Coombs pitched a grand game of ball. Manager Stahl decided to give "Buck" O'Brien a chance for a little glory, and the Buckeroo was all to the good. With two down in the fourth and a man at third, he drove a single to center sending the first run over the plate, and this one run looked larger than a full moon for seven full innings.

The Athletics got a man to second, with one down, in the second, only to see Yerkes throw the next two men out at first. When Baker opened the fourth with a double, it looked like trouble. McInnis bunted, but O'Brien played the ball to third for

an out and cut off scoring in that inning.

The Athletics got into a fine position by a double steal in the sixth, placing men at second and third, with one down. It was here that O'Brien delivered the goods, striking out McInnis and getting the next man at first.

A single by Lapp and Murphy's double put men at third and second in the seventh, and then Strunk's liner was pulled in by Lewis.

### **Speaker Scores Winning Run**

Speaker scored what proved to be the winning run in the eighth. Tris walked and Lewis sacrificed. Speaker saw an opening and shot for third. Lapp was hurried when he cut the ball to that base. Baker partially blocked it, but Speaker was on the move and kept on, beating the ball to the plate.

The Athletics were still in the game in the ninth. Barry led off with a double into the crowd in left center. Yerkes handled grounders from Lapp and Coombs, Barry scoring. Murphy worked a pass, and shot for second with a fine lead, beating a great throw from Carrigan.

It was now up to Strunk to tie the score. O'Brien was in for two and two, and then he put the juice on one over the plate. Strunk smashed away and the ball went soaring into the air, working back toward the grand stand.

Carrigan tore after it, breaking through the crowd and taking the ball a yard from the cement front of the stand, and the game was over.

O'Brien's support was nothing short of remarkable. Yerkes turned in seven assists, four of which were on raps well to his left. His second base work was the cleanest seen at the park this season, and several of his plays were run-preventers.

### **Wonderful Work by Gardner**

Larry Gardner had only two chances for assists at third, and both were from the bat of Barry when leading off in the fifth and seventh. The first was a drive well to his left that Gardner nipped with his left hand on the dead run and cut to first for the out.

It would have been great playing merely to have blocked the ball, but when Larry speared it the crowd howled like mad. As a single and double followed, the importance of Gardner's remarkable play can easily be appreciated.

Gardner's second play was more remarkable than the first, for this time Barry hit a low liner well to Gardner's left, the ball not going six inches from the ground. There was a flash; Gardner was seen to spread out like a flying fish, and then come out of the dirt with the ball clutched in the left hand.

Crowd and players alike yelled their appreciation of this remarkable play, the like of which one seldom sees in a lifetime. It was enough to take the fight out of even great champions.

### Connie's Eyes Opened

The only Boston miscue was made by Carrigan in the eighth, when he lost a strikeout on McInnis, the ball hitting the dirt at the plate and breaking through the catcher. Then Speaker pulled down a long fly thrown from Walsh close to the crowd and Boston was again out of trouble.

Stahl put a superb game at first and Strunk did some grand fielding for the visitors.

The Athletics scattered their six hits through five innings, while Boston made theirs in four stanzas. Coombs passed only two men, and one of those scored, while the five walked by O'Brien gained nothing by it.

The victory gave Boston 13 wins in the 19 games played with the Macks and caused manager Connie Mack to remark after the game:

"I never knew the Boston club until this series. It certainly is a great ball team and fully entitled to its high position in the race."

In the fourth Baker hit one over the ropes that Hooper would have taken in with a clear field. McInnis sacrificed, but O'Brien played the ball to Gardner and Baker was out. McInnis stole second and tried for third, but Carrigan was on the job and threw him out. Gardner then threw out Walsh.

### Boston's First Run

Stahl led off with a single. Wagner sacrificed. Carrigan was thrown out at first. O'Brien singled to center, scoring Stahl with the first run of the game. Hooper fouled out to Baker.

In the fifth, Gardner made his swell running assist on Barry's grounder. Lapp gave Lewis one close to the crowd. Coombs walked, but was forced by Murphy. Yerkes was safe on Barry's fumble. Speaker flied out to center. Lewis hit to Barry, who started a double play.

In the sixth Strunk was passed. Collins was thrown out by O'Brien. Baker was passed. Strunk and Baker pulled off a double steal. The Boston men were so surprised that no play was made on the runners. McInnis struck out. Walsh was thrown out, Stahl making a great play on a poor throw into the runner by O'Brien. Boston went out in order.

In the seventh, Barry gave Gardner a chance to make a wonderful one-handed catch. Gardner dove and took the ball a few inches from the ground. It was the finest catch I ever saw made by a third baseman.

### The Early Innings

In the first inning Yerkes made a fine assist of Murphy's grounder, which came well to his left. Strunk struck out and Collins was thrown out by Yerkes.

Hooper was thrown out by Baker. Yerkes struck out and Speaker rolled one to first.

In the second Baker walked and McInnis sacrificed. Then Walsh was thrown out by Yerkes and Barry went down the same way.

Lewis struck out. Gardner lined one into the left-field crowd for two bases. Stahl walked. Strunk made a great running catch of Wagner's fly in right center. Carrigan hit to short, forcing Stahl.

With one down, Coombs singled. Murphy flied out to left. Strunk singled, Gardner blocking the grounder and falling down. Collins flied out to Hooper.

O'Brien gave Strunk none close to the ropes. Hooper flied to the same man. Yerkes singled. Speaker singled past short and

Lewis was safe on Baker's fumble, filling the bases. Then Gardner hit to Collins for a forceout.

Coombs flied out to Collins. Murphy doubled into the crowd in right center. Lewis made a fine catch of Strunk's liner, and Boston was out of a bad place. The Red Sox went out in order.

In the eighth Collins was thrown out by Yerkes. O'Brien landed Baker with a strike and the crowd cheered. McInnis also struck out, but the ball was low and broke through Carrigan. Walsh flied out to center.

Speaker walked. Lewis sacrificed. Gardner flied out to left. Speaker stole third, and scored when Lapp threw wild to Baker. Stahl was thrown out by Coombs.

It was now up to the ninth, with two runs to tie. Barry hit the ball into the crowd for two bases. Lapp and Coombs were thrown out by Yerkes, Barry scoring on the second out. Murphy walked, and stole second on the first ball pitched, O'Brien paying no attention to his man at first.

It was now up to Strunk, and he sent a foul fly close to the grandstand that Bill Carrington pulled in after breaking through the crowd, and the game was over.

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SEPTEMBER 14, 1981

## REMY STINGS TIGERS IN OPENER, 5-2

By Larry Whiteside, The Boston Globe

Jerry Remy may be the smallest Red Sox player on the field but each night his bat seems to boom the loudest.

It was particularly true last night when Remy sliced a bases-loaded single past short in the sixth inning to break a 2-2 tie and helped spark Boston to a 5-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers. By winning the opener of a four-game series, the Sox got that important foot in the door in their bid to overtake the American League East leaders.

"Sometimes," said Red Sox manager Ralph Houk, "there is more pressure on the club that is ahead in a race than the chasing clubs. We know we've got to win as many games as we can to win it. It helps when you're playing the first-place club. There is probably more pressure on the Tigers right now than on us."

The pressure last night on Detroit was applied in the clutch by Remy, whose two-out hit brought home Tony Perez and Rich Gedman and gave the Sox a 4-2 lead. That clutch hit by Remy boosted his average with men on base to an amazing .411 (23-56). It also gave a victory to Bob Stanley (9-6), who took over for Red Sox starter Mike Torrez, removed in the sixth with the score tied, 2-2.

The victory moved Boston to within 3.5 games of the first-place Tigers. Last night's game was twice delayed by rain, and twice tied before the Red Sox finally won it. Rain delayed the start 67 minutes. A second downpour held up the game for 16 minutes in the eighth inning.

What set up Remy's hit was a lapse by Tiger starter Dan Petry (8-7) and the hitting of Perez and Gedman, who both seem to be coming out of slumps. Perez, playing in his second straight game, singled with one out in the sixth and moved to second on an infield hit by Gedman, who had his second three-hit night of the year. One out later, Petry walked pinch hitter Dave Stapleton,

and Remy followed with a line drive that went past shortstop Alan Trammell like a rocket.

"I don't know why I'm doing so well with men on base this year," said Remy. "If I did, I'd keep it up for the next 4-5 years. You have to be lucky to have the kind of success I'm having. Right time, right spot. That's all it was. All I was thinking about was seeing the baseball and getting a base hit somewhere."

Boston has not lost a season series to the Tigers since 1973 and by winning last night took a 3-1 lead with three games to play. But to say that Detroit is a pushover would be wrong. Boston could just as well have lost this one. The pitching was not all that great, although Stanley's sinker was humming. Torrez labored for five innings before leaving in the sixth after Steve Kemp's home run tied the game. Torrez threw 88 pitches, and was behind in the count much of the time. Stanley came on to dull the Tiger clause the rest of the way, but it is a touch-and-go thing these days for the Sox bullpen.

"This was a really a critical game," said Remy. "But all of them will be from now on. We're playing the team that is in first and, believe me, they're a very good team. Any one of several guys in their lineup can pop the ball. I got the hit tonight. But like the rest of my hits, they're all history. There's another game to play tomorrow."

Torrez got in trouble in the first inning when he walked Nick Peters and the Tiger center fielder scored without benefit of a base hit. Peters moved to second on a ground out and to third on a passed ball. The run scored on a ground out at second. Boston tied the game in the bottom of the inning when Petry had a streak of wildness. Dwight Evans got a free pass with one out, moved to second on a walk and scored on a base hit up the middle by Carney Lansford.

Jim Rice put Boston ahead with his 14th home run of the year with two out in the third inning. The ball went on a line into the center-field bleachers and was his 210th career homer, tying Rice with Rico Petrocelli on the all-time list. But Detroit tied the game in the sixth when Kemp sent a pitch by Torrez into the nets, his ninth home run of the year.

Torrez got one more out, but also gave up singles to Richie Hebner and Lance Parrish. That is when Houk went to his bullpen and the inning ended when Lynn Jones bounced into a forceout at third.

Stanley's sinker was sharp the rest of the way. The Tigers got base runners in the seventh and eighth innings, but one bid was ended by a double-play ball and Stanley struck out Lance Parrish with two out and two on in the eighth to end the second. He mowed down the side in the ninth.

"I have to say it was my best sinker of the year," said Stanley. "It had some real pop on it. We've got to play good ball here. You never know what can happen."

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NOVEMBER 27, 1977

## **PATRIOTS SLICKER THAN EAGLES' KICKER, 14-6**

**By Will McDonough, The Boston Globe**

FOXBORO - This season hasn't been a kick for the

Philadelphia Eagles, and yesterday at Schaefer Stadium wasn't any different.

With the Patriots' offense floundering once again, the Eagles had a legitimate shot to knock New England over. However, Philadelphia's field-goal kicker, Ove Johansson, had serious problems locating the goal posts, opening the door for the Patriots to escape with a 14-6 victory before 57,893 shivering fans.

"We had more opportunities to score in this game than we've had in any other this year," said Eagles head coach Dick Vermeil. "But we didn't take advantage. Their defense beat us physically and our place kicking. . ."

Vermeil didn't finish the sentence and wouldn't reply when asked if Johansson would still have a job next Sunday. "I don't want to answer that now," he said.

The Patriots managed their winning scores on Steve Grogan's first-half touchdown passes to Stanley Morgan (64 yards) and Darryl Stingley (16 yards).

Then they nursed a 14-0 lead into the final minute of the game when Eagles quarterback Ron Jaworski, after being pounded all afternoon by a heavy Patriots pass rush (8 sacks for 51 yards), finally escaped to throw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Charley Smith.

But, fittingly enough, Johansson climaxed his day by missing the extra point, depriving the Eagles of any chance of tying it by recovering an onside kickoff and scoring.

Philadelphia, like other Patriot opponents in the past month, did a terrific job of defending the Patriots' running, preferring to take their chances against Grogan's throwing.

Six minutes into the first quarter Grogan burned the Eagles with a bomb down the middle to Morgan, who slipped behind ex-Patriot Johnny Outlaw to take the pass on stride at the Eagles' 30 and romp home.

"They had their double coverage on the other side of the field on that play," and Patriots head coach Chuck Fairbanks. "So that was where we wanted to get the ball."

Trailing, 7-0, the Eagles came right back, moving the ball to the Patriot one - thanks to an interference call in the end zone. The Eagles had four cracks at it, but they couldn't do the job.

"When you can't score from the one with all those chances," said Vermeil, "it means you are not blocking anyone. Our backs were getting hit before they got out of the backfield."

After failing on two runs and a pass, the Eagles went for the field goal, but Johansson kicked it right into Ray Hamilton's arms.

Early in the second quarter, Johansson tried a 33-yarder, with a 23 mile an hour wind at his back, and missed again, wide to the left.

The Patriots responded by marching 80 yards in 12 plays to take a 14-0 lead on a 16-yard touchdown pass from Grogan to Stingley. "They blitzed," said Grogan, "and Darryl did a good job of backing his man up into the end zone before breaking inside to get open."

In the second half, the Patriots could manage only three first downs and never came close to scoring.

Meanwhile, it was obvious the Eagles didn't trust Johansson anymore. Twice in the second half they drove deep into New England territory, and under normal circumstances they would have tried field goals. But twice they chose not to do so and gave up the ball on downs.

Overall, the Patriots' defense was the dominant factor on the field, stopping the Eagles' ground game cold, and then putting terrific pressure on Jaworski, with defensive end Tony McGee (three sacks) leading the way.

"The key was stopping them on first down, giving them a yard or two," said McGee. "Then we knew they had to pass, and we could get after them."

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DECEMBER 12, 1982

## PATRIOTS PERFECT THE SWEEP, 3-0

### 12th Man Clears the Way for Smith Field Goal That Beats Dolphins

By Michael Madden, The Boston Globe

FOXBOROUGH - The play came right out of the Heavy Equipment Catalog, goes by the name of John Deere 314 and, bless your snowflakes, was the best sweep ever run by the Patriots. And the guy who ran the sdweep that beat the despised Dolphins was on leave for the day from the Norfolk state proson - it's the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me, Pete Rozelle.

For eons and eons, the Patriots have been searching for the big play in tight moments to win the close games. Players, coaches, placekickers and fortune tellers have come and gone, promising all but delivering the accustomed tight and painful loss. But Mark Henderson, serving 15 years for burglary, stole one yesterday from Don Shula and the Dolphins.

First, last and foremost, New England beat Miami, 3-0, on the skating rink at snowbound Schaefer Stadium (the coin on the opening toss was lost in the snow) when John Smith booted a 33-yard field goal with 4:45 left in the game. That's just the bare facts, m'am; there's much more to this tale.

With both teams skidding and soft-stepping to what seemed an inevitable 0-0 overtime tie, the Patriots stalled at the Miami 16-yard line with 4:34 to go. New England called time to set up for a 33-yard field-goal attempt, but the Dolphins did not seem overly concerned. The teams had Laurel-and-Hardied through two earlier field-goal misses and history has never recorded a field goal being kicked during a hockey game.

"But that time out we took gave me time to think," said Patriot coach Ron Meyer, much quicker on his feet than Shula this time. "I looked out on the field and I saw John chipping away at the bground and I saw Matt (Cavanaugh) chipping away and I thought, 'Let's get the sweeper out here.' There's a guy on the sideline I know who can help us but first I had to find him."

Meyer was searching for a John Deere 314 tractor that had been brought over earlier in the day from the home of (appropriately enough) general manager Bucko Kilroy to clear the snow from the yard markers and the sidelines. Attached to the front of the tractor was a large sweeper and attached to the seat was Mark Henderson, out from prison for the day on a work release program.

"But, damn, I couldn't locate him," continued Meyer. "I almost gave up; I couldn't find him and I said the hell with it and I started walking back to the bench. Then I saw him down there at the 10-yard line; he's just sitting there watching the game."

Meyer then began a mad dash down the sidelines, waving his arms and shouting at Henderson to get his John Deere 314 in gear and onto the field. "I yelled at him," said Meyer, "Get on the

tractor, get on the field and do something." Henderson, to the surprise of no one, droe his John Deere along the 20-yard line "and we didn't think anything of it," said Miami's Bob Baumhower. "He'd been driving the thing around all day clearing the lines."

But John Deere took a sharp left turn to where Smith and Cavanaugh were chipping away, seven yards behind the line of scrimmage, the broom sweeping away all the snow in front of it. Presto! Smith now had a pristine patch of turf from which to kick. "We were clearing out our little spot," said Cavanaugh, "and next thing I know, there's this thing behind us. I guess it worked out pretty good; it gave us a nice little mark."

"When we saw what was happening from the sidelines, we cheered," said the Patriots' Mosi Tatupu. "We were saying, 'Clear the way for the guy.' We were laughing; we couldn't believe it."

The Dolphins were dumbfounded. "One moment the guy is right there in front of us and then he made a turn and went over there seven yards behind the line of scrimmage and dusted it off for the guy," said Baumhower. "I'd say it was a little unusual; it shouldn't have happened."

Shula, for once, was caught offguard. "I didn't see it happening," said the Miami coach, who is a member of the rules-making NFL competition committee. "That's certainly something the officials shouldn't have let happen. That's not the way it should be. I said to the official, 'Why did you let it happen?' and he said he didn't see it in time."

Shula and the Dolphins complained loudly to referee Bob Frederic. "We told the officials, 'Hey, what's this guy doing?'" said Baumhower. "'He can't do that.' They said it was perfectly legal."

"I didn't see what was happening," said the Dolphins' Andra Franklin. "If I knew what was happening, I'd have given that sweeper a shot. maybe the sweeper would have won or maybe I'd have won, but I would have gien it my best shot."

Wen asked if he were going to protest the game, Shula replied, "The game's over; they won and there's nothing we can do about it."

For the record, Smith's field goal was his first game-winning field goal in his nine-year career with the Patriots (his only other chance also came against the Dolphins but it was blocked in 1980). Smith, who found out Friday night that he had cleared waivers and was returning to active duty, didn't think Henderson and John Deere had helped him that much.

"The broom hindered me; it changed the spot I had cleared away," said Smith. "I was down on my hands and knees and I'd already cleared a spot but he put snow where I had already cleared it. It didn't have that much impact on me."

The final bit of drama came in the waning seconds when Miami quarterback David Woodley moved Miami down to the New England 19-yard line with 37 seconds left. But Woodley's out pass to Tony Nathan was picked off by improving and impressive linebacker Don Blackmon and the Patriots had a rare clutch victory.

"I've been here nine years," said Smith, "and it usually ends the other way when we play Miami. There must have been three or four other times when we've been in situations like this and Miami has come back to win the game."

But, because of John Deere, Henderson, Meyer, Smith and Blackmon, the Patriots won. Some 45 minutes after the game, Henderson and Meyer finally met under the T set that had already twice replayed the John Deere 314 power sweep.

Meyer shook Henderson's hand, looked at Henderson's red down vest and laughed, "Give that man a red coach's jacket. He deserves it."

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MARCH 16, 1952

DECEMBER 27, 1949

## 5012 SEE CELTS ROUT N.Y., 97-78

### Doll Sets Pace With 18 Points; O'Connell Stars

By Jack Barry, The Boston Globe

Playing their soundest basket ball since the introduction of the professional game in Boston, the Celtics defeated the New York Knickerbockers, 97 to 78, at the Arena last night before 5012.

Bob Doll, playing in his seventh game, big Bob Kenney, who was terrific on defense and in ball-handling, and aggressive Dermie O'Connell were the pace-setters, who broke the backs of the Knicks over the third period.

The Celts were weak at the foul stripe, muffing 20 of 45 tries. Might have coist them the decision, had Joe Lapchick's lads not been checked on defense so tightly.

Every Celtic played well. Gene Englund and Ed Leede who were used sparingly, clicked for 10 points apiece.

### Keftan Plays Well

Julian started George Kaftan who also played brilliant basket ball. Tony Lavelli, Doll, Kenney and O'Connell and the boys left the floor half-way through the second period with a 34-28 margin.

The Celtics led at the half-way mark, 46 to 39.

O'Connell's floor play constantly hampered the Knicks, and he was second high man with 16 points.

Kinney's work on big Connie Simmons and rugged Harry Gallatin, was perhaps the game's turning point.

The veteran bench strength of the Celtics, never was put to better use by Coach Doggie Julian, as he overpowered the fast-breaking Knicks over the middle stages.

The final period was a bit sloppily played as the Knicks committed 23 personal fouls.

Tony Lavelli hit five field goals, and played well, but not quite as brilliantly as in recent games.

With Ft. Wayne due to play at the Arena Friday, coupled with a Somerville-Waltham prelim, a full house is looked for.

Watertown High defeated Lynn Classical, 51 to 41, last night.

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## CELT'S TOP PHILLY IN FINAL, 96-89

### Open Playoff Series Against New York Here Wednesday

By Clif Keane, The Boston Globe

The Celtics finished their regular season schedule with a 96-89 victory over the Philadelphia Warriors yesterday at the Garden and are now looking forward to their playoff party with the New York Knicks, which opens at the Garden Wednesday night.

The arch rivals will play the second game of the best two-of-three series in New York Sunday. If a third game is necessary, it will be played at the Garden a week from Wednesday.

### Donham Top Shooter

Yesterday's affair proved little more than that Bob Donham has the best shooting eye in basket ball from the floor and the worst from the foul line. The ex-Ohio State guard dropped in three baskets before 3108 to give him 201 for the season and a marksmanship of better than 47-percent.

League rules demand a player score at least 200 baskets to be rated in the percentage department, so the Celtics worked hard to give Donham his rating. However, he never will be accused of being a great shooter, since he finished about 350 baskets behind paul Arizin of the Warriors.

Arizin added 21 points to his record, finishing the year with 1673 points, well ahead of George Mikan, and the Warriors are leaning on the former Villanova player to help them reverse the tables over the Syracuse Nations who defeated them in the '51 post-season games. The teams meet in Syracuse Thursday, and in Philadelphia Saturday.

Ed Macauley led the Celtics scoring with 18 points followed by Bob Cousy and Bill Sharman, who had 16.

The teams were strong from the foul line, the Celtics sinking 24 of 26 and the Warriors 23 of 29.

Macauley had 11 of his points in the first period when the celtics led, 25-17. At the end of the half the Celtics boosted their advantage another point, and never were in danger during the second half, with most of the time being spent with the teams exchanging baskets.

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FEBRUARY 28, 1928

# **BRUINS ARE VICTORS AFTER THRILLING FINISH**

## **Hitchman's Sensational Shot in Last Minute Beats Maroon Six at Arena, 2-1**

**By John J. Hallahan, The Boston Globe**

Lionel Hitchman lifted the puck from the blue line, high over the heads of the defense men, after getting away from Hooley Smith, and it struck the ice in front of the net and bounded over Benedict's stick for the goal that gave Boston Bruins a 2-to-1 win over the Montreal Maroons in the last minute of play last night at the Arena.

It was a triumph gained by the better and more aggressive tactics of the Bruins, who scored in the first period, when Perk Galbraith beat Benedict and were tied in the second period by Red Dutton of the Maroons, while Hitchman was serving time in the penalty box.

There have been better played hockey games in Boston this season, but the defensive power of each team made it interesting. The Bruins had by far the more chances to score, but failed to realize on them because of the stubborn defense of Red Dutton, Dune Munro and Babe Seibert. In offensive power the Bruins were superior. Their coordination was better, the Maroons playing individual hockey for the most part.

### **Art Ross a Spectator**

Manager Art Ross was present but the team was run by Sprague Claghorn, who has now piloted the team to seven victories in the last eight games. Hago Harrington was at home, suffering with the grippe, but the other spares played a strong game and offered opportunities for the regulars to rest up at intervals.

Because of the trouble that Hooley Smith, playing center for the Maroons, engaged in when he played with the Ottawa Senators last year in the World Series, he was more or less a marked man. Smith played good, clean hockey all night and was one of the very few players who was not sent to the "cooler."

Smith was in a measure responsible for three stitches being taken over Hitchman's right eye. Smith was advancing with the puck to the Boston defense in the second period when Hitch lifted the Maroon player's stick. It struck Hitch in the face. Smith patted him on the shoulder. It was unavoidable and purely accidental, and Smith could not be blamed. There were some, however, who booed the clever player.

### **Maroons Down to Two Men**

The pace started fast, and the Bruins carried the attack several times right up to the Canadiens' cage, only to be rebuffed by Benedict. The officials, "Mickey" Ion and Mike Rodden, held a tight check over the manner of the play and in the first 10 minutes seven players were chased to cool their heels off the ice. And at one time only Holley Smith and Dune Munro were on for the Maroons against four men for the Bruins, yet the Bruins did

not score.

It was not until nearly 15 minutes had been played that the first goal was scored. Perk Galbraith, missing from the game between the two teams last Saturday night at Montreal because of the death of his father, made the goal. He rushed in from the left lane and took a shot. The puck landed against the side of the net. Benedict had misjudged it and turned his back; with the result that Galbraith, who was in, picked it from off the strings and flipped it by Benedict, much to the surprise of the goalie.

There was no other scoring, and in the second period the hard luck that has followed Harry Oliver manifested it several times. He either was off balance or missed the goal altogether. Harry Connor missed a chance with Benedict coming out, and then lost another chance shortly afterwards.

Hitchman was chased for lifting the feet of one Maroon, and while he was off, Red Dutton, after beating Galbraith by a pass ahead, near the boards, picked the puck away from the other three players, without even having his body brushed, beating Winkler with a back-hand lift. The teams played a tight defense until the period was over.

### **Benedict Beats Oliver**

Twice in a row Harry Oliver worked the puck up to the mouth of the Montreal cage in the third period. Benedict beat him once and another time he missed the cage altogether as Benedict had been drawn one side. Dutton, who had never played such good hockey since coming to Boston, worked his way by the defense by clever stick handling, only to miss the cage. He had a similar chance after another spectacular exhibition of stickwork, but this time Winkler beat him. The game lagged a bit, as might be expected, and the big crowd that taxed the Arena made ready for an overtime period.

Hitchman, who had been relieved by Dit Clapper after his accident, returned in the middle of the period. He was the same stubborn defense player he always had been, and the Maroon offense did not get very far. Hitch picked the puck away from Hooley Smith near the Boston blue line. He skated on. Smith did not make much effort to check back very fast. Hitch got near Montreal's blue line. There he lifted the rubber high, which was spread open, and Benedict lost it when it bounded over his stick into the strings, after which he shook his head in disgust.

The crowd went wild and paper was thrown on the ice. Less than a minute remained to be played and the Bruins played defensive hockey to the end. With Dutton, Jimmy Ward, the youngster picked up by the Maroons from Fort Williams last year, showed himself a clever stick handler and he gave the Bruins a lot of bother, although he was not half so dangerous as was Dutton, Stewart and Phillips, who drove the puck hard at the Boston cage.

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